

## GEN. WOOD IS LEADING IN INDIANA

Assured of Plurality of Almost Ten Thousand.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 6.—Major General Leonard Wood, with a total of 81,544 votes, apparently is assured of a plurality of almost ten thousand over Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, who has 72,432 on the face of unofficial returns from 3,183 precincts out of 3,387 in Indiana in Tuesday's primary election. The 204 missing precincts are in fourteen scattered counties of the 92 in the state.

Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, with a total of 36,482 votes, continues in third place while Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio is fourth with 19,216.

General Wood on the face of the returns has carried nine of the 13 congressional districts in the state and has a plurality in 53 counties where unofficial reports are complete. Senator Johnson won four congressional districts and 24 counties.

Governor Lowden carried three counties and Senator Harding one, Ohio county. Fourteen counties are in doubt.

Interest already has begun to shift from the presidential primary to the Republican state convention next Wednesday and Thursday. The question of whether Indiana's 26 delegates to the national convention at Chicago shall go instructed for General Wood because of his plurality or unrestricted, transcends all other considerations now at the political headquarters. The state law provides that only a majority of the votes cast is binding on the delegates.

## STRIKE CAUSES RUN ON BANK

Report Firm Had Censured Some of Strike Leaders.

Waterbury, Conn., May 6.—One of the curious effects of the strike of brass mill laborers here was a run on a private bank patronized largely by Italians. The run started yesterday afternoon and resumed this morning. The news was the circulation of a report among the strikers that a member of the banking firm had made remarks censuring some of the strike leaders. Although denied by the firm, the report spread like wildfire and the result was the gathering of a crowd of angry depositors demanding that the bank give them their money. Members of the firm said today they had obtained plenty of funds with which to meet the emergency.

Strikers were engaged today in circulating subscription papers among merchants for donations to a fund to assist families of strikers who are in need. Efforts are now being made to organize all the skilled workers, several hundred of whom are employed locally.

Meetings of groups of these workers are being held nightly and a big general meeting is called for Tuesday night of next week. The manufacturers still stand pat on their decision to deal only with committees of their own employees and grant no recognition to labor union committees.

## JUDGE SCORES WITNESSES

In giving his charge to the jury in the Valentine-Pollak \$5,000 suit for the alienation of the affections of Mrs. Valentine's husband who was charged with the testimony of witnesses may often be due to honest error. In this case the discrepancies disclosed cannot be excused under the broadest mantle of charity.

The case went to the jury shortly before noon and at press time it was still out. The men came back once to report ad disagreement and were sent back to see if they could not adjust their differences.

## DELAWARE IS TO TRY AGAIN

Dover, Del., May 6.—Encouraged by the passage yesterday by the State Senate of the resolution to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment, the Delaware legislature today is to work for similar action in the lower house and thus make Delaware the 36th state to ratify the amendment, the number necessary to put it in force.

The resolution was expected to come before the House today and suffrage workers claim they have gained enough votes in that body since the measure was defeated 22 yeas on April 1 to assure its passage. Those opposed to ratification, on the other hand, declare sentiment in the House against the resolution is as strong as ever and that its defeat is certain.

## FOUR ARE HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Arrested early this morning after three women had given information against them to the "vice squad," David Kane, of 383 Catherine street; Moore Soloway, proprietor of the Golden Hill hotel at 63 Harrison street; Harry Dworkin, of 170 Beechwood avenue, and Harry Gann, of 38 Stouven street, were arrested in the City this morning on a charge of violating Section 577 of the state statutes, and bound over to the May term of the Superior court. Bonds were fixed at \$1,000 for Soloway and \$500 for the other three. The statute which the four men are accused of violating provides a penalty of a fine of not more than \$1,000 or a prison sentence of not more than 15 years.

The women who were arrested early last evening gave their names as Violet Weaver and Gladis Kreta, both of 564 Washington avenue, and Anabel Hinzenga, of 108 Courtland street. All three are being held under \$500 bonds on a technical charge of breach of the peace, for trial in the City court tomorrow.

According to information secured by the police, it seems that the women were brought to Bridgeport from some middle western city, last February, by three Greeks. After they had been here a short time the men deserted them and they went "broke." The women started out to pawn their jewelry, and by chance met two of the men whom they have named, on the street. They inquired as to pawnshops in the city, saying they were "busted" and wanted to secure enough money to buy tickets to New York city. While the five were talking, another man came along and was taken into the party. The three couples are then said to have gone to the Golden Hill hotel, in Harrison street, where the alleged technical offense took place. Soloway is believed to have become implicated in the affair after the women secured rooms in the hotel.

It is understood that the women stayed at the Golden Hill hotel for a few days, and then took furnished rooms in another part of the city. Since that time they have lived in various furnished rooms. It is also reported that an attempt was made to secure positions for the women in a local factory. Bills which the women contracted during the time they were out of employment, are alleged to have been paid by the men.

The arrest of the seven persons who are implicated in the case, was brought about by the seizure of one of the women early last evening. It is understood that she told the names of her companions, and they were arrested in their rooms. The three women then divulged the names of the men, and they were arrested in various parts of the city early this morning.

The entire matter, however, has been under investigation by the police for some time. The arrests were made by Lieutenant James Barton and Patrolmen Auger, Maloney, Foster and Arnold, of the "vice squad," and Officer Bozman, of the Burns Detective Agency. The particular case, however, is said to be entirely independent of the Burns operations here.

All four men waited examination in the City court today, and Judge Frank L. Wilder immediately bound the cases over to the Superior court. Bonds were fixed at \$1,500 in each case last night, but were reduced today. The three women will be arraigned tomorrow morning, on a technical charge of breach of the peace. They are now being held under \$500 bonds.

The woman told the police, that today is her twenty-seventh birthday.

## USED HIGH OFFICIAL TO DECEIVE PEOPLE

Washington, May 6.—Assailing what he described as a "despicable propaganda against labor," Timothy Healy, president of the Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, Officers, charged before the railroad labor board today that "a high official of the government has been used to more thoroughly deceive the people into believing that because a man works for wages he is an enemy of our government."

Mr. Healy did not name the official to whom he referred but much of his long prepared statement to the board had to do with the announcement by the department of justice concerning threatened demonstration and violence on last May Day.

## WARNED SIMS AGAINST FRIENDSHIP FOR BRITISH

Washington, May 6.—Admiral William S. Benson, wartime chief of naval operations, told the Senate Naval Investigating Committee today that both before and during the war he had warned Rear Admiral Sims not to let his friendship for the British unduly influence his official acts.

Admiral Benson said he could not deny that he had told Admiral Sims in March, 1917, "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans," as he could not recall all of the details of the interview.

The witness did say, however, that a "certain gentleman" had been placed on the statement attributed to him by Admiral Sims and he added that as a result he had been done a grave injustice. He denied that he was in any way unfriendly to the British.

## WILL ADDRESS MASS MEETING

Whiting Williams, who spoke before the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this noon, will address the foremen of the various factories at a mass meeting to be held at the Casino on State street, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Williams has a message which is vitally interesting to men identified with factory development and they will be no doubt be a large crowd of foremen to hear him at the meeting tonight.

COAL IS READY FOR TRANSPORT

The Pennsylvania Railroad states that it is now in position to place large quantities of coal at South Amboy, N. J., available for transport to Connecticut points via Long Island Sound, provided these desiring coal can furnish tugs and barges.

Increase in movement of freight into and out of New England is reported by the New Haven Railroad. On Sunday two hundred and sixty cars were moved eastward via Harlem river, and from Maybrook three hundred and forty-two cars, while three hundred and thirty cars were floated in New York harbor.

While these movements are far from normal, they are a marked improvement over conditions which have prevailed since the so-called "outlaw strike."

The management of the New Haven expresses the belief that more rapid improvement is to be expected from now on.

It is stated that all New England is being covered in an effort to secure additional workers, especially tug boat crews, without which cars cannot be floated across New York harbor.

HEALTH WORK MODERN.

Dr. Charles Z. Heidelska, a United States inspector on health matters, was in this city today and said Bridgeport was the only city in the state that is carrying on its health work in a modern manner. He said the city is keeping abreast of the times on health matters.

## SEIZE TWO WITH LOAD OF WHISKEY

Men Said "Cider"—But One Sniff Was Enough.

Two barrels of whiskey, conveyed to this city in a large New York truck, driven by Abraham Rosenberg and Eugen Katz, both of New York, were captured by Patrolman Robert F. Hoffman on Spruce street in the West End this morning at 1:30 o'clock.

Suspicion was aroused at the size of the truck at that hour in the morning, and he stopped them. One of the men in the driver's seat offered him \$20, saying: "Take this and let me get away. I'm in a hurry to get back to New York."

When they were first stopped the men said they had cider in the barrels, but a sniff by the patrolman was convincing and he ordered the men to drive to the Third precinct station. On the way one of the men is alleged to have said that they had already disposed of two barrels and were looking for the last place to deliver the last two.

In city court this morning they were charged with unlawfully keeping in intoxicating liquor for sale and bribery. Rosenberg asked for a continuance of the cases until they could obtain counsel. They were put over until Saturday morning under \$1,000 bail each.

## THREE DEATHS FROM ANTHRAX

Chicago Factory Is Closed Pending An Investigation.

Chicago, May 6.—Three deaths from anthrax, two reported by the coroner and one by the county hospital, were being investigated today by Health Commissioner Robertson following discovery that all three victims were employed by the Chicago Curled Hair Company, manufacturers of automobile cushion stuffing.

The factory of the company was ordered closed pending investigation of whether the anthrax germ was imported in raw hair.

Officers of the company said their raw material comes from domestic sources and from imports from the Argentine. Five per cent of the total is imported.

Leopold Krzemien, the last victim, who died Tuesday, had been sick only a few hours. Health department officials are searching the records for two other cases of the disease, said to have occurred during the last few months.

Bernard Horwich, president of the hair company, said today that the case was the first he had heard of in 25 years in the business. Anthrax, he said, was a sheep disease and the company handled no sheep's wool.

Dr. Robertson said the germs were transmitted by the hair of other animals.

## MANUFACTURER SENT TO JAIL

Boston, May 6.—Frank I. Sears, vice president and general manager of the A. I. Bates Shoe company of Webster, today was taken to the Greenfield jail to begin a sentence of a year and a day for conspiracy to defraud the government and for bribing federal inspectors in connection with the making of army shoes. The United States district court this morning reaffirmed the sentence which was declared a year ago but was delayed by appeals.

## MRS. GOMPERS SERIOUSLY ILL

Washington, May 6.—Mrs. Samuel Gompers, wife of the president of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill at her home here. Mrs. Gompers is 69 years old and has suffered two strokes of paralysis.

## SCHOOLS CLOSED TOMORROW.

All public schools will close tomorrow for the Fairfield County Teachers' convention to be held in the Bridgeport High school auditorium. Professor Sharp of Boston University will be the speaker at the morning session, while in the afternoon Hugh McGill will be the chief speaker.

## DESTROYER FORCED TO TURN BACK

New York, May 6.—The United States destroyer Lardner, one of the seven war vessels which left yesterday for Key West for probable service in Mexican waters, was forced to return to Tompkinsville today because of minor engine trouble. If repairs cannot be promptly made it was announced, another destroyer would be substituted for her.

## FAVOR AMENDMENT OF VOLSTEAD ACT

Platform Adopted At Democratic State Convention Today

The text of the platform adopted is as follows:—We, the members of the State Convention of the Democratic Party of Connecticut rejoice with the decent citizens of every party, at the encouraging return of Woodrow Wilson to his customary health; and we are happy that his protracted illness has left unimpaired the vigor and brilliance of an intellect that has been the inspiration of the world and that has made his leadership of such benign and incalculable consequence to the human race.

We are proud of the achievements of our party. We enthusiastically endorse its unparalleled record of remedial and constructive domestic legislation that has enabled us to pass unscathed through five tumultuous and chaotic years.

In the hour of the world's crisis it marshalled with astounding swiftness and efficiency the power of our nation, and conducted to a decisive and triumphant close the most colossal war of all time.

We believe that the abiding motive of our men who gave their lives upon the field of battle and the ideal for which the nation gladly consecrated to war's exactions the last limit of its strength was that a just peace among all peoples might be achieved and maintained by a covenant resting upon the consent of the civilized nations of the world. We condemn the frustration by a partisan Senate of the rightful fruits of the nation's victory.

We sympathize with the aspirations of the Irish people in the formation of a government of their own choosing and favor the recognition of the Republic of Ireland.

We denounce the autocratic and calculated disregard by the governor of the voice of the sovereign people of Connecticut calling upon him to summon into special session the legislature of the State, thus flagrantly thwarting the unmistakable will of the people, not only, but withholding from our commonwealth the proud privilege of confirming forever the political emancipation of the womanhood of America.

We favor a revision of the Volstead Act so as to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines.

We hereby authorize each delegate to appoint his own alternate.

## CARANZA'S GRIP IS WEAKENING RAPIDLY

El Paso, Tex., May 6.—Belief that Carranza soldiers were the men who recently murdered his father and two brothers near El Paso, Mexico, was expressed here today by Joseph Greenlaw of Flagstaff, Arizona. While there were rebel bands in the district they were more friendly than the federal troops, Mr. Greenlaw said.

Washington, May 6.—Official interest in the development of the political phases of the sweeping revolution in Mexico has been stimulated by government reports which continue to indicate a rapid weakening of Carranza's grip. Although any recognition by the government of the rebel movement other than that accorded any defacto force was said to be improbable, it is known agents of the state department have studied carefully the promulgated program of the rebels and the published assurances of Alvaro Obregon and other leaders of the revolt that a more friendly attitude toward foreigners will be adopted.

In marked contrast to the methods used by those who have acted in similar positions, agents of the revolution here have refrained from making any overtures to the United States government, and it is understood no plea for special consideration will be made until the success of the rebel movement is assured. If Carranza is forced from the presidency the attitude of the United States, according to some officials, will be shaped to a certain extent by the attitude taken by the rebels.

The Carranza gunboat Guerrero is in the harbor and it was expected that it would constitute the most serious obstacle for the revolutionists to overcome. General Flores was reported to be in a position to cut off the town's water supply.

American citizens returning from the south declared that Nayarit was entirely in revolt, and that a large force of rebels was marching northward to join General Flores.

I have no interest whatsoever, directly or indirectly in the Republic Steel Corp. or its subsidiaries, any operations connected with the same.

## NO COGNIZANCE OF MESSAGE

London, May 6.—Premier Lloyd George will not take cognizance of the message from American congressmen relative to Ireland.

"This sort of thing has ceased to cause any stir here," an official at the residence of the prime minister said this morning. "We long since have come to believe that resolutions and messages coming from America are political moves and that they do not represent American sentiment. Consequently they have little weight."

## HAD IMPLICIT BELIEF IN SIGNS

New York, May 6.—Literal obedience to a department store sign reading "customers please take small packages home" resulted in the arrest of Eva Schwietens, aged 24 of Jersey City, according to the story she told the police last night. She was arrested in the store charged with the larceny of \$160 worth of small articles.

Washington, May 6.—Immediate amendment of the immigration laws was considered today at a special meeting of the Senate Immigration Committee, called as a result of the ruling yesterday by Secretary Wilson that membership in the Communist Labor party is alone insufficient cause for deportation of aliens.

## Much Enthusiasm Manifested at State Democratic Convention—Censure Holcomb and Praise President—Kirk and Donovan Delegates.

Enthusiasm that marked the opening of the Democratic State Convention in New Haven last night, gathered force during this morning's session, when the committee on resolutions brought in a report favoring recognition of the Irish Republic, woman suffrage and an amendment of the Volstead Act permitting the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers.

The meeting closed with a wild ovation to United States Senator H. L. Owens, of Oklahoma, after he had concluded a half hour's speech on the achievements of the Democratic party, before, during and after the war.

Upon leaving the speakers' platform, Senator Owens was obliged to catch a train for Providence, R. I., and he literally fought his way through the enthusiastic delegates who were cheering and attempting to grasp his hand as he passed along the aisle.

The morning session was opened by Chairman Homer S. Cummings, at 11 o'clock. A report of the committee on credentials was presented and unanimously adopted, and temporary officers were made permanent officers of the convention.

Ex-Mayor Frank Goffette, of Waterbury, chairman of the committee on resolutions, reported for the committee, and the report was unanimously adopted.

In the committee, a recommendation of the state central committee that Connecticut delegation to San Francisco be instructed to vote as a unit was defeated and the only reference made to the delegation was the plank which gives each delegate the right to name his own alternate. This latter provision will probably mean that two at least of the delegates at large will name women as their alternates.

The platform denounced Governor Holcomb because of his stand on the suffrage question, and expressed its happiness over the congressional return of President Wilson to his accustomed health.

It had been reported and openly discussed before the convention resumed that Mr. Mahan's name would be opposed, and efforts were made to have C. C. Middlebrooks, of Winsted, former United States marshal serve as the opposing candidate. As Chairman Cummings put the motion to endorse the delegates, and the delegates at large, at the one time, many persons edged up their chairs, other from the rear came forward and quietly settled down. Mr. Cummings waited but there was no response and he put the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

The state delegates chosen were: At large—David E. Fitzgerald, mayor of New Haven and state chairman; Bryan F. Mahan, postmaster of New London; Thomas J. Spellacy, an assistant United States attorney general, and Charles D. Lockwood, of Stamford.

The district delegates are: First—Congressman A. Loebman and Phil M. Leakin, of Hartford. Second—Daniel P. Dunn of Williamamie and Edward M. Yeomans of Andover.

Third—James J. Walsh, of Meriden and Arthur B. O'Keefe of Orange. Fourth—Jeremiah Donovan of Norwalk and William P. Kirk of Bridgeport.

Fifth—E. O. Wagner, of Lakeville and W. R. Palmer of Oxford.

The entire delegation met this afternoon when the alternates were to be announced and arrangements made for the trip to San Francisco. It was expected that Homer S. Cummings would be re-elected national committeeman, and he also will be an alternate for his law partner, Mr. Lockwood. The new state central committee met and re-elected Mr. Fitzgerald as chairman and A. S. Lynch as secretary.

(End LEAD.)

## SENTENCED FOR ANNOYING GIRLS

For annoying girls in Kresge's five and ten cent store, Joseph Gaddo, of Jersey City, was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$1 and costs by the city court today. Gaddo was arrested last night after a young girl complained against him to the police. The man claimed that the girl agreed to meet him last night, but upon leaving the store where she is employed, told him that she could not see him because her sister was with her.

## GIVE EMPLOYEES VACATION WITH PAY.

Woonsocket, R. I., May 6.—The Woonsocket Rubber Co., a branch of the United States Rubber Co., footwear division, announced today that it would give its 2,000 employees in the Alice mill here and its plant at Millville a week's vacation with pay from July 21 to August 9. Heretofore the plants have shut down for two weeks during the summer without pay to the employees.